

ON ALGEBRAIC GALOIS EXTENSIONS OF SIMPLE RINGS

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Throughout the present paper, R will be a simple ring, S a simple subring of R (with common 1). And V , C , and Z represent $V_R(S)$, $V_R(R)$ and $V_S(S)$ respectively. If M is a unitary R -left (right) module, $[M|R]_l$ ($[M|R]_r$) will denote the uniquely determined number (finite or infinite) of irreducible direct summands of M . When R is Galois over S , we denote by \mathfrak{G} the Galois group of R/S . And, as to notations and terminologies used in this paper, we follow the previous one [4]. The writer is grateful to Dr. H. Tominaga for his kind advices.

In case R is a division ring, we proved that if R is Galois, left algebraic and of bounded degree over a division subring S then R is finite over S [3, Theorem 4]. Afterwards, in case S is a central simple algebra of finite rank, this result has been extended to simple rings [4, Theorem 5.2]. One of the purposes of this paper is to present the complete extension of [3, Theorem 4] to simple rings:

Theorem 1. *If R is Galois, left algebraic and of bounded degree over S then R is finite over S .*

Next, we shall prove a theorem which is a partial extension of [3, Theorem 3] and [4, Theorem 5.1]:

Theorem 2. *If R is Galois and left algebraic over S then R is locally finite over S , provided the Galois group \mathfrak{G} of R/S is almost outer (, whence \mathfrak{G} is locally finite).*

For the proofs of our principal theorems, several lemmas will be needed. At first we shall prove the following:

Lemma 1. *Let S be a division subring of R . N a Z -right submodule of R with $[N:Z]_r < \infty$. If $[S:Z] = \infty$ then for each positive integer q there exist q non-zero elements $s_1, \dots, s_q \in S$ such that $\sum_{i=1}^q Ns_i = \sum_{i=1}^q Ns_i \oplus Ns_i$.*

Proof. Patterning after the latter half of the proof of [4, Lemma 6.6] or the proof of [2, Lemma 3] according as S is algebraic or transcendental over Z (V should be replaced by Z), one will easily obtain our lemma. And so, the details may be left to readers.

Lemma 2. *Let R/S be Galois, S' an intermediate ring of R/S such*

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that R is S' - R -irreducible, and let $M \neq 0$ be an S - S' -submodule of R .

(i) $(\sigma|M)R_r$ is S'_r - R_r -irreducible and R_r -isomorphic to R_r for each $\sigma \in \mathbb{G}$.

(ii) For any subset \mathfrak{B} of $\mathbb{G}|M$, \mathfrak{B} is linearly independent over R_r if and only if so it is over V_r .

(iii) $(\mathbb{G}|M)R_r$ possesses a subset of $\mathbb{G}|M$ as a linearly independent R_r -basis, and $\mathfrak{B} \subseteq \mathbb{G}|M$ is a linearly independent R_r -basis of $(\mathbb{G}|M)R_r$ if and only if it is a linearly independent V_r -basis of $(\mathbb{G}|M)V_r$.

Proof. (i) Let x be an arbitrary non-zero element of R . Then, by our assumption, there holds $S'_r(\sigma|M)x_rR_r = (\sigma|M)(S'\sigma xR)_r = (\sigma|M)\{(S'x\sigma^{-1}R)\sigma\}_r = (\sigma|M)R_r$, whence our assertion is clear.

(ii) Let a subset \mathfrak{B} of $\mathbb{G}|M$ be linearly dependent over R_r , and let $\sum_{i=1}^t (\sigma_i|M)x_{ir} = 0$ ($x_i \in R$) be a non-trivial relation of the shortest length. Then, by (i), we obtain $\sigma_1|M = \sum_{i=2}^t (\sigma_i|M)y_{ir}$ for some $y_i \in R$. Here, by making use of the standard argument, one can easily see that each y_i is contained in V . Hence, we have proved that \mathfrak{B} is linearly dependent over V_r . And the converse is trivial.

(iii) This is an easy consequence of (i) and (ii).

By the validity of Lemma 2, we can prove the following useful inequalities.

Lemma 3. *Let R/S be Galois, and S' an intermediate ring of R/S such that R is S' - R -irreducible. If M is an S - S' -submodule of R with $[M|S]_i < \infty$ then for each $a \in M$ there holds*

$$m \cdot [a\mathbb{G}V_r|V]_r < mm' + m' \cdot [M|S]_i,$$

where $m = [S|S]$ and $m' = [V|V]$ are the capacities of S and V respectively. In particular, if S is a division ring, we have

$$\frac{1}{m'} [a\mathbb{G}V_r|V]_r < 1 + [M|S]_i,$$

Proof. By Lemma 2 (i) and (ii), there holds $m \cdot [a\mathbb{G}V_r|V]_r \leq m \cdot [(\mathbb{G}|M)V_r|V_r]_r = mm' \cdot [(\mathbb{G}|M)V_r : V_r]_r = mm' \cdot [(\mathbb{G}|M)R_r : R_r]_r$. Thus, to complete our proof, it suffices to prove the next:

$$m \cdot [(\mathbb{G}|M)R_r : R_r]_r < m + [M|S]_i.$$

Now, we can find a S -left submodule M' of R such that $[M'|S]_i < m$, $M^* = M + M' = M \oplus M'$, and that M^* possesses a linearly independent S -left basis. Then, by Lemma 2 (i), we obtain

$$[M^* : S]_i = [\text{Hom}_{S_i}(M^*, R) : R_r]_r \geq [(\mathbb{G}|M)R_r : R_r]_r.$$

Consequently, there holds $[M|S]_i + m > [M|S]_i + [M'|S]_i \geq$

$m \cdot [(\mathfrak{G} | M)R_r : R_r]_r$.

Now, we shall prove the following lemma which will play an essential role in our present study.

Lemma 4. *If R/S is Galois, left algebraic and of bounded degree then $[R : S] < \infty$, provided there exists an intermediate ring S' of R/S with $[S' : S]_i < \infty$ such that R is S' - R -irreducible.*

Proof. At first, we shall remark that V is finite over Z . For, noting that $S[V] = S \times_z V$, we readily see that V is an algebraic algebra over Z and of bounded degree, and so $[V : V_r(V)] < \infty$ by [1, Theorem 7.11.1]. Moreover, V/Z being Galois, it will be easy to see that $V_r(V)$ is finite over Z . Hence, it follows $[V : Z] < \infty$.

Let $S = \sum_{i,j=1}^n S_0 f_{ij}$, where f_{ij} 's are matrix units and $S_0 = V_s(\{f_{ij}'s\})$ is a division ring. Then, as is well-known, $S' = \sum_{i,j=1}^n S'_0 f_{ij}$ and $R = \sum_{i,j=1}^n R_0 f_{ij}$ for $S'_0 = V_{s'}(\{f_{ij}'s\})$ and the simple ring $R_0 = V_R(\{f_{ij}'s\})$. Here, one will easily see that R_0/S_0 is Galois, left algebraic and of bounded degree, and that R_0 is S'_0 - R_0 -irreducible. Further, our assertion for the case $[S : Z] < \infty$ has been proved in [4, Theorem 5.2]. Thus, in what follows, we may, and shall, restrict our proof to the case where S is a division ring and $[S : Z] = \infty$.

Let $S' = Su_1 + \dots + Su_p$, and $s = \text{Max}_{x \in R} \{[S[x] : S]_i\}$. And let t be an integer such that $t \geq 1 + ps$. Now, we suppose that $[R : S]_i = \infty$. As, to be easily verified, $\mathfrak{G}R_r$ is two-sided simple, if $[\mathfrak{G}R_r : R_r]_r < \infty$ then one can easily see that $[R : S] < \infty$. This contradiction shows that $[\mathfrak{G}R_r : R_r]_r = \infty$. And so, there exist some $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_t \in \mathfrak{G}$ such that $\{\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_t\}$ is linearly independent over R_r . If x is an element of R , $SxS' = Sx(Su_1 + \dots + Su_p) \subseteq S[x]u_1 + \dots + S[x]u_p$ yields

$$(1) \quad [SxS' : S]_i \leq sp.$$

Here, choose an arbitrary S - S' -submodule M_0 of R with $[M_0 : S]_i < \infty$. If $[\sum_{i=1}^t (\sigma_i | M_0)R_r : R_r]_r < t$ (cf. Lemma 2 (i)), then there holds a non-trivial relation: $\sum_{i=1}^t (\sigma_i | M_0)a_{i,r} = 0$ ($a_i \in R$). Since $\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^t \sigma_i a_{i,r} \neq 0$, there exists some $b_1 \in R$ such that $b_1 \alpha \neq 0$. We set here $M_1 = M_0 + Sb_1S'$. Then, by (1) we have $[M_1 : S]_i < \infty$. And $M_1 \alpha \neq 0$ implies $[\sum_{i=1}^t (\sigma_i | M_1)R_r : R_r]_r < [\sum_{i=1}^t (\sigma_i | M_0)R_r : R_r]_r$. Thus, repeating the same procedures, we can find eventually an S - S' -submodule $M = Sd_1 + \dots + Sd_q$ of R such that $t = [\sum_{i=1}^t (\sigma_i | M)R_r : R_r]_r$. Recalling the fact $[V : Z] < \infty$ remarked at the opening, we see that $N = \sum_{i,j} (d_j \sigma_i)V$ is right-finite over Z . And so, by Lemma 1, there exist some non-zero $s_1, \dots, s_q \in S$ such that

$$(2) \quad \sum_{j=1}^q s_j^2 N s_j = \sum_{j=1}^q s_j^2 \oplus N s_j.$$

We set here $a = \sum_{j=1}^q d_j s_j (\in M)$. If $\sum_{i=1}^t (a\sigma_i)v_i = 0$ ($v_i \in V$), then $\sum_{j=1}^q (d_j \alpha') s_j = a\alpha' = \sum_{i=1}^t (a\sigma_i)v_i = 0$, where $\alpha' = \sum_{i=1}^t (\sigma_i | M)v_i$. Noting that $d_j \alpha' \in N$, there holds $d_j \alpha' = 0$ ($j = 1, \dots, q$) by (2). And this implies $M\alpha' = \sum_{j=1}^q S(d_j \alpha') = 0$, that is, $0 = \alpha' = \sum_{i=1}^t (\sigma_i | M)v_i$. Since $\{\sigma_1 | M, \dots, \sigma_t | M\}$ is linearly independent over V , we have $v_i = 0$ ($i = 1, \dots, t$). We have proved therefore that $a\sigma_1, \dots, a\sigma_t$ is linearly independent over V . Accordingly, by (1) and Lemma 3 we obtain

$$1 + ps \geq 1 + [SaS' : S]_t > \frac{1}{m'} [a\mathfrak{G}V_r | V]_r \geq [\sum_{i=1}^t (a\sigma_i)V : V]_r = t,$$

where m' is the capacity of V . But this contradicts $t \geq 1 + ps$, and our proof is complete.

Lemma 5: *Let R/S be Galois and left algebraic. If \mathfrak{G} is almost outer and S' is an intermediate ring of R/S with $[S' : S]_t < \infty$ such that R is S' - R -irreducible then for each $x \in S'$ we have $\# \{x\mathfrak{G}\} < \infty$ ¹⁾.*

Proof. Since \mathfrak{G} is almost outer, i. e. $(V^* : C^*)$ (the group index of the multiplicative group C^* of non-zero elements of C in the multiplicative group V^* of regular elements of V) $< \infty$, V is finite or $V = C$ by [6, Lemma 1]. In virtue of Lemma 2 (i), we have

$$\infty > [S' : S]_t = [\text{Hom}_{S'}(S', R) : R_r]_r \geq [(\mathfrak{G} | S')R_r : R_r]_r.$$

And so, we can set $(\mathfrak{G} | S')R_r = \sum_{i=1}^t (\sigma_i | S')R_r$ with some $\sigma_i \in \mathfrak{G}$. Then, by Lemma 2 (iii), $\{\sigma_1 | S', \dots, \sigma_t | S'\}$ is a linearly independent V_r -basis of $(\mathfrak{G} | S')V_r$: $(\mathfrak{G} | S')V_r = \sum_{i=1}^t (\sigma_i | S')V_r$. If V is finite, our assertion is clear by the last representation. Thus, in what follows, we may, and shall restrict our proof to the case $V = C$. Now, let σ be an arbitrary element of \mathfrak{G} . Then $\sigma | S' = \sum_{i=1}^t (\sigma_i | S')v_i$ ($v_i \in V$). And so, for each $x \in S'$ we have

$$x_r(\sigma | S') = \begin{cases} (\sigma | S')(x\sigma)_r = \sum_{i=1}^t (\sigma_i | S')(v_i(x\sigma))_r = \sum_{i=1}^t (\sigma_i | S')((x\sigma)v_i)_r, \\ x_r \sum_{i=1}^t (\sigma_i | S')v_i = \sum_{i=1}^t (\sigma_i | S')((x\sigma_i)v_i)_r. \end{cases}$$

Hence, we obtain $\sum_{i=1}^t (\sigma_i | S')\{(x\sigma - x\sigma_i)v_i\}_r = 0$, whence it follows $(x\sigma - x\sigma_i)v_i = 0$ ($i = 1, \dots, t$). Noting that some of v_i 's, say v_1 , is non-zero, we see that $x\sigma = x\sigma_1$. We have proved therefore that $x\mathfrak{G} = \{x\sigma_1, \dots, x\sigma_t\}$.

Now, let R be represented as $\sum_{i,j=1}^n D e_{ij}$ with matrix units e_{ij} 's and a division ring $D = V_R(\{e_{ij}$'s). If $n > 1$ and S contains an element $a = \sum_{i,j=1}^n c_{ij} e_{ij}$ with $c_{pq} \neq 0$ for some $p \neq q$ then, for an arbitrary permutation

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & \cdots & n-1 & n \\ p_1 & p_2 & \cdots & p_{n-1} & p_n \end{pmatrix}$$

1) For any E , $\#(E)$ will signify the cardinal number of E .

such that $p_1 = p$ and $p_n = q$, $e'_{ij} = e_{p_i p_j}$ can be adopted as new matrix units of R and $e'_{1n} = e_{pq}$. Accordingly, without loss of generality, we may assume that $c_{1n} \neq 0$. On the other hand, if $n > 1$ and every element of S is diagonal, it is clear that all $e_{ii} \in V$. Hence, $V = \sum_{i=1}^n e_{ii} V$. If moreover V is a simple ring, the last fact means $[V|V] \geq [R|R]$. Since $[V|V] \leq [R|R]$ trivially, $[V|V] = [R|R]$. Accordingly, if $V = \sum_{i,j=1}^n E' e'_{ij}$ with matrix units e'_{ij} 's and a division ring $E' = V_r(\{e'_{ij}\})$, then $R = \sum_{i,j=1}^n D' e'_{ij}$ with the division ring $D' = V_r(\{e'_{ij}\})$. Thus, to prove our principal theorems, it will suffice to restrict our subsequent consideration to the following three cases:

Case I. $n = 1$.

Case II. $n > 1$ and S contains an element $a = \sum_{i,j=1}^n c_{ij} e_{ij}$ with $c_{1n} \neq 0$.

Case III. $n > 1$ and $S \subseteq D$.

Lemma 6. *Let Case II happen.*

(i) Let $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & \cdots & n-1 & n \\ p_1 & p_2 & \cdots & p_{n-1} & p_n \end{pmatrix}$ be an arbitrary permutation such that $p_1 = 1$ and $p_n = n$, and x_2, \dots, x_n arbitrary non-zero elements of D . If $r = \sum_{i=2}^n x_i e_{p_i p_{i-1}}$ then R is $S[r]$ - R -irreducible.

(ii) If $D \neq GF(2)$ then $R = S[F]$, where F is the set of elements R such that R is $S[r]$ - R -irreducible.

Proof. (i) If we set $e'_{ij} = e_{p_i p_j}$, then $e'_{1n} = e_{1n}$ and $r = \sum_{i=2}^n x_i e'_{i i-1}$. And so, without loss of generality, we may assume that the permutation is identical. Let M be an arbitrary non-zero $S[r]$ - R -submodule. Then, M contains an element $b = \sum_{i=1}^n d_i e_{in}$ with $d_p \neq 0$ for some p . Since $M \ni r^{n-p} b = x_n \cdots x_{p+1} d_p e_{nn}$ (if $p = n$, $M \ni b = d_n e_{nn}$), e_{nn} is contained in M , whence it follows $M \ni a e_{nn} = \sum_{i=1}^n c_{in} e_{in}$. Hence, there holds $M \ni r^{n-k} \sum_{i=1}^n c_{in} e_{in} = \sum_{i=k}^n x_i c_{in} e_{n-k+i} + x_{n-k+1} \cdots x_n c_{1n} e_{n-k+1}$, ($k=1, \dots, n$). Recalling that $c_{1n} \neq 0$, one can see inductively that $e_{nn}, e_{n-1n}, \dots, e_{1n} \in M$, whence eventually $e_{ij} \in M$. Now, it will be easy to see that $M = R$.

(ii) Let $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & \cdots & n-1 & n \\ p_1 & p_2 & \cdots & p_{n-1} & p_n \end{pmatrix}$ be an arbitrary permutation such that $p_1 = 1$ and $p_n = n$, and let x be an arbitrary non-zero element of D . Then, by (i) $F \ni r_{x,i} = e_{p_n p_{n-1}} + \cdots + x e_{p_i p_{i-1}} + \cdots + e_{p_2 p_1}$ ($2 \leq i \leq n$). Since there exists an element $z \in D$ different from 1 and 0, $S[F] \ni r_{z,i} - r_{z-1,i} = e_{p_i p_{i-1}}$ ($2 \leq i \leq n$). Further for arbitrary $y \in D$ different from 1 and 0 we obtain $S[F] \ni r_{1,i} - r_{1-y,i} = y e_{p_i p_{i-1}}$ ($2 \leq i \leq n$). Hence, noting that $x e_{i1} = x e_{n-1} e_{n-2} \cdots e_{21}$, we see that $S[F] \supset D e_{nj}$ ($1 \leq j < n$), $D e_{ij}$ ($1 < i \neq j < n$) and $D e_{i1}$ ($1 < i \leq n$). Consequently,

$$(3) \quad \begin{aligned} S[F] &\ni (\sum_{i,j=1}^n c_{ij} e_{ij}) c_{1n}^{-1} x e_{nk} \\ &= c_{nn} c_{1n}^{-1} x e_{nk} + \sum_{i=2}^{n-1} c_{in} c_{1n}^{-1} x e_{ik} + x e_{1k} \quad (1 \leq k < n). \end{aligned}$$

Since for $n > k > 1$ $S[F]$ contains $e_{k1}(\sum_{i,j=1}^n c_{ij} e_{ij}) c_{1n}^{-1} d e_{nk} = d e_{kk} (d \in D)$, it will be easily seen that $S[F] \ni \sum_{i=2}^{n-1} c_{in} c_{1n}^{-1} x e_{ik}$. Hence, from (3), we obtain $x e_{1k} \in S[F]$ ($1 \leq k < n$), in particular, $e_{11} \in S[F]$. And so, $S[F]$ contains $e_{nn} = 1 - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} e_{i1} e_{1i}$ too, whence it follows $e_{1n} = c_{1n}^{-1} e_{11} (\sum_{i,j=1}^n c_{ij} e_{ij}) e_{nn} \in S[F]$. Thus, we have proved that $e_{ij} \in S[F]$ ($1 \leq j \leq n$). Since $e_{11} \in S[F]$ ($1 \leq i \leq n$), $e_{ij} \in S[F]$ and $D \subseteq S[F]$.

Lemma 7. *Let Case III happen, R/S be left algebraic and $S \not\subseteq C$ (whence $D \not\subseteq V$ by $D \cong S$).*

(i) *For an arbitrary $x \in D \setminus V$, if $r = \sum_{i=2}^n e_{i1} + x e_{n1}$ then R is $S[r]$ - R -irreducible.*

(ii) *$R = S[F]$, where F is the set mentioned in Lemma 6 (ii).*

Proof. (i) There exists an element $y \in S$ with $xy \neq yx$. Since $r^{-1} = \sum_{i=2}^n e_{i1} + x^{-1} e_{1n} \in S[r]$, $S[r]$ contains $r^{n-i} (r - y r y^{-1}) (r^{-1} - y r^{-1} y^{-1}) r^{-(n-j)} = (x - y x y^{-1}) (x^{-1} - y x^{-1} y^{-1}) e_{ij}$. Noting that $(x - y x y^{-1}) (x^{-1} - y x^{-1} y^{-1})$ is a non-zero element of $S[r] \cap D$, it follows that $e_{ij} \in S[r]$ ($i, j = 1, \dots, n$). Now the $S[r]$ - R -irreducibility of R will be easy.

(ii) By (i), it is clear that e_{ij} ($i, j = 1, \dots, n$) and arbitrary $x \in D \setminus V$ are contained in $S[F]$ (and so $x^{-1} \in S[F]$ as well). On the other hand, if c is a non-zero element of $D \cap V$ then $xc \in S[F]$ for arbitrary $x \in D \setminus V$, whence it follows $c \in S[F]$. Consequently, we obtain $R = \sum_{i,j=1}^n D e_{ij} = S[F]$.

Now we can prove our principal theorems.

Proof of Theorem 1. For Case I, R being S - R -irreducible, our assertion is a direct consequence of Lemma 4. Next, for Case II it is easy by Lemma 6 (i) and Lemma 4. And finally, our assertion for Case III is contained in [4, Theorem 5.2] provided $S \subseteq C$, and for the case remained it is clear by Lemma 7 (i) and Lemma 4.

Proof of Theorem 2. If $D = GF(2)$, our assertion is trivial. For case 1, noting that R is always $S[r]$ - R -irreducible for $r \in R$, \mathfrak{G} is locally finite by Lemma 5. Similarly, for Case II and Case III, by making respective use of Lemma 6 and Lemma 7 together with Lemma 5 we see that \mathfrak{G} is locally finite provided $D \neq GF(2)$ and $S \not\subseteq C$ respectively. Finally, if $n > 1$ and $S \subseteq C$ then $V = R$ is finite by [6, Lemma 1] (for, \mathfrak{G} is almost outer).

From Lemma 5, Theorem 2 and [5, Theorem 1.1 and Theorem 3.1] we obtain the following:

Corollary 1. *If R/S is left algebraic and outer Galois then, for any finite subset E of R ,*

- (i) $\neq \{E\mathfrak{G}\}$ is finite,
- (ii) the ring $S[E]$ generated by E over S is a simple ring which is finite over S ,
- (iii) $S[E] = S[a]$ for some $a \in S[E]$.

By Corollary 1, it will be easy to see that the infinite Galois theory of division rings [1, VII, § 6] of N. Jacobson can be extended to simple rings under the same assumptions such that R/S is left algebraic and outer Galois as in [1, VII, § 6]. The following corollary²⁾ is one of those extensions.

Corollary 2. *If R/S is left algebraic and outer Galois then there exists a 1-1 dual correspondence between closed subgroups of \mathfrak{G} and intermediate rings of R/S , in the usual sense of Galois theory.*

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2) This is a restatement of the latter part of [4, Corollary 1,4].